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KOLKHOZES GET NEW MACHINERY;  
VARIG'S ENTERPRISES EXCEED PLANS

## UZEK SSR GETS FIRST ELECTRIC TRACTOR -- Bakinskij Rabochij, № 66, 5 Apr 49

On 4 April, the first electric tractor, the ETK-8, was put into operation at the "Kommunist" Kolkhoz in Uzbekistan. The tractor was built and equipped at the Central Mechanization Station of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Cotton Growing. A 500-meter cable, extending from a portable transformer connected to a power line, feeds the first electric tractor to be used in cotton cultivation. Engineer V. T. Danil'chenko, director of the group of designers who made the tractor, told a Tass correspondent that the electric tractor could plow up to 20 hectares from one point of connection with the power line, and could work 0.4 hectares per hour. The tractor may be used to plow, sow, cultivate, and harvest Asiatic cotton, as well as for other field operations. Operating costs are 60 percent cheaper than the usual tractor.

## PRIMORSKIY KRAY MTS GET NEW EQUIPMENT -- Krasnoye Znamya, № 76, 3 Apr 49

The Ministry of Agriculture USSR has sent a large number of new agricultural machines and equipment to MTSs and kolkhozes of Primorskiy Kray. The kray's MTSs will receive more than 100 STZ-MATI tractors, 175 5-bottom plows, 50 marsh and brush plows, 50 grain and 30 beet seeders, 210 tractor cultivators, 100 hillside cultivators, 100 potato planters, etc. MTSs have already received 35 grain seeders, 130 cultivators, and 30 tractor plows. Kray MTSs will also receive this year 80 Stalinets-6 combines and 20 automotive combines. Personnel is now being trained to operate the combines.

## ESTONIAN AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE COMPLETES SPRING PLANTING -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, № 98, 27 Apr 49

The Kunizikuskiy Affiliate of the Agricultural Institute, Academy of Sciences Estonian SSE, completed spring planting on its experimental fields by 25 April. The planting was done on well cultivated fields covering a total area of 58

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hectares, including 30 hectares of barley, 11 of oats, 14 of mixed grain, and 3 of summer wheat. Only high-quality, assortcd seeds were planted.

**INDIVIDUAL SALE OF SUNFLOWER SEEDS AUTHORIZED -- Zarya Vostoka, No 65, 5 Apr 49**

The Council of Ministers Georgian SSR has granted permission to kolkhozes, kolkhoz workers, and individual farm holders in the Georgian SSR, who have fulfilled the plan for preparing sunflower seeds and who have completed planting of their sunflower seeds in the spring planting of 1949, to sell and exchange sunflower seeds until the beginning of the 1949 harvest.

**GEORGIAN FARMS PRODUCED 44,000 TONS OF TEA IN 1948 -- Zarya Vostoka, No 82, 28 Apr 49**

Georgian kolkhozes and state farms harvested 44,000 tons of tea leaves last year. They not only exceeded the yearly plan, but considerably exceeded the prewar level of green-tea harvests.

The 1949 plan calls for harvesting 60,000 tons of varieties No 1 and 2 of green-tea leaves.

**ARKHANGEL'SK OBLAST GETS NEW CREAMERY -- Sotsialisticheskoye Zemledeliye, No 98, 27 Apr 49**

Construction of a large mechanized creamery is being completed in the city of Vel'sk, Arkhangel'sk Oblast. The first section of this enterprise will go into operation by 1 May. The plant will process several thousand tons of milk per year. In addition to butter production, the plant plans to start production of powdered milk.

**VOROSHILOV MEAT COMBINE REACHES 1951 LEVEL -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 70, 25 Mar 49**

The Voroshilov Meat Combine is producing 260 percent more meat products at present than in 1940, and production of fats has also increased. The combine has achieved the 1951 production level and is consistently exceeding its monthly plans. In February, meat production was 199 percent of the plan and production of fats, 137 percent.

**GEORGIA FULFILLS 1948 TOBACCO PLAN -- Zarya Vostoka, No 5, 8 Jan 49**

Kolkhozes of Georgian SSR prepared 135,517 centners of tobacco during 1948, fulfilling the year plan 104.2 percent.

**TADZHIK SSR COMPLETES COTTON-SOWING PLAN -- Izvestiya, No 106, 7 May 49**

The Tadzhik SSR completed the plan for cotton sowing 7 days earlier than in 1948, despite unfavorable weather conditions which slowed the work.

**OKHOTSK FISH TRUST LAGS IN 1948 -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 48, 27 Feb 49**

Solov'yev, secretary of the Nizhne-Amur Oblast Committee, gave the main report at the joint plenum of the Nizhne-Amur Oblast Committee and Nikolayevsk City Committee of the VKP(b). The oblast fish industry fulfilled the 1948 plan 101 percent, giving the state 70,000 more centners of fish than in 1947. Fourteen enterprises and 22 kolkhozes, however, did not fulfill the plan and

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failed to give the state 170,000 centners of fish. Enterprises of the Okhotsk State Fish Trust had particularly poor results for 1948. Only five of the 18 fish plants and combines fulfilled the 1948 plan. The trust as a whole failed to give the state more than 100,000 centners of fish.

Losses from inefficiency in storing and transporting fish amounted to more than 20 million rubles in 1948. The oblast and Okhotsk party committees are mainly to blame for this condition. The committees failed to improve the shore installations, with the result that there were long interruptions and many losses between the catching and processing operations. Directors of some fish plants have opposed to mechanization and have received no encouragement from oblast party workers. Okhotsk enterprises producing fish-packing materials have been operating inefficiently, and party workers have made no attempt to improve them.

#### FAR EAST WHALE TRUST REALIZES LARGE PROFITS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 76, 1 Apr 49

The Far East Whale and Sea Mammal Trust exceeded the 1948 plan both for raw materials and output of oil and realized 14,400,000 rubles in accumulations above plan. The trust's 1949 program includes completion of the plan by 1 October, turning over to the state 70,000 centners of raw materials and 14,000 centners of oil above plan, release of 6,500,000 rubles of working capital to the state, and realization of 6 million rubles in above-plan accumulations. The trust is in competition with the whaling flotilla Slava. A recent communication from Solyanikha, captain-director of the flotilla, and Nikolayenko, secretary of the flotilla's party organization, congratulated the Far East whaling men who have been sent to the Antarctic as foremen in the whaling fishery and who have been leading in the competition there.

#### KHABAROVSK FISH COMBINES MEET QUARTER PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 77, 2 Apr 49

Kamchatka fishermen completed the first-quarter plan for catching fish 10 days ahead of schedule. The Osorskij Fish Combine took first place in the competition by fulfilling the plan 226 percent. The Clyutor Combine was also successful in the first quarter's work.

Leading enterprises of Khabarovsk Krai have sent more than 100 specialists, including mechanics, electric welders, construction and engineering and technical workers, to Okhotsk to assist in assembling and operating new machines in enterprises of the Okhotsk State Fish Trust. Several additional brigades of specialists are due to arrive within the next few days.

#### INSTITUTE TESTS NEW REFRIGERATION UNIT -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 72, 27 Mar 49

The Pacific Ocean Institute of Fish Economy has received a large refrigeration unit which is able to provide a temperature as low as -70 degrees centigrade. The institute will carry out a number of interesting experiments, particularly deep and quick freezing of fish products and testing the preservation of quality of canned goods in northern regions.

#### FORESTATION PROGRESSES -- Pravda, No 127, 7 May 1949

The Ministry of Forestry fulfilled the spring plan for tree planting in steppe and forest-steppe regions of European USSR 103 percent. The Ministry of Forestry Ukrainian SSR fulfilled the spring plan for forest planting 125.6 percent. Forest managements of many krais and oblasts of the RSFSR considerably exceeded the spring planting plan: Stavropol' Kray 264 percent, Voronezh Oblast 112 percent, Groznyy Oblast 296 percent, Rostov Oblast 173 percent and Krasnodar Kray 114 percent.

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STATE FARMS EXCEED FORESTATION PLAN -- Izvestiya No 100, 29 Apr 49

The Ministry of State Farms USSR exceeded the seasonal plan for planting of forest belts. A total area of 6,289 hectares has been planted, while the plan provides the 5,800 hectares. Many sovkhozes and trusts of southern oblasts fulfilled the year plan in spring. Sovkhozes of the Ukrainian SSR fulfilled the year plan 117 percent, Krasnodar Krai 153.5 percent, and Stavropol' Krai 103 percent.

TALDY-KURGAN OBLAST EXCEEDS YEAR PLAN FOR FOREST PLANTING -- Kazakhstanetskaya Pravda, No 83, 29 Apr 49

Kolkhoz farms of the Semirech'ye (Seven-River) region, Taldy-Kurgan Oblast, have exceeded the year plan for tree planting in forest belts. On 25 April, 345 hectares of forest belts had been planted, as against 300 hectares provided in the plan. Planting is continuing.

ARARAT VALLEY IN ARMENIA PLANTS FOREST BELTS -- Kommunist, No 100, 29 Apr 49

Kolkhozes of all rayons in the Ararat Valley (Armenian SSR) completed the year plan for planting of forest belts by the end of April. Planting was done in 56 kolkhozes, instead of 42 as provided in the plan. The plan was fulfilled 135 percent. The forest belts cover an area of 56 hectares, which are planted with about 450,000 saplings and cuttings of poplars, oleasters, mulberry, and other trees.

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